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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J M Keynes Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262.

Please note admittance instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Lellock, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-4269, email: Karen.Lellock@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The MEP Advisory Board (Board) is authorized under Section 3003(d) of the America COMPETES Act (P.L. 110-69); codified at 15 U.S.C. 278k(e), as amended, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Board is composed of 10 members, appointed by the Director of NIST. MEP is a unique program consisting of centers across the United States and Puerto Rico with partnerships at the state, federal, and local levels. The Board provides a forum for input and guidance from Hollings MEP program stakeholders in the formulation and implementation of tools and services focused on supporting and growing the U.S. manufacturing industry, provides advice on MEP programs, plans, and policies, assesses the soundness of MEP plans and strategies, and assesses current performance against MEP program plans.

Background information on the Board is available at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/advisory-board.cfm>

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the MEP Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. This meeting will focus on 1) MEP administrative updates, and 2) Board input into the NIST MEP strategic planning process. The agenda may change to accommodate other Board business. The final agenda will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board web site at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/advisory-board.cfm>. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the MEP Update meeting that will be held January 29 - 30, 2014 also at the Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J M Keynes Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262.

Admittance Instructions: Anyone wishing to attend this meeting should submit their name, email address and phone number to Karen Lellock (Karen.lellock@nist.gov or 301-975-4269) no later than Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the MEP Advisory Board's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments at the beginning of the meeting. Speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be no more than three to five minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board web site at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/advisory-board.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand

upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the MEP Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, or via fax at (301) 963-6556, or electronically by e-mail to karen.lellock@nist.gov.

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